

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-22 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 20 and 22 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-22 remain at issue in the above-identified application.

**35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims**

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Musgrave et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,505,193). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicant submits that *Musgrave* does not teach, or even suggest, "an identification request device for generating a pair of the public key and a private key for a user who inputs sampling information that serves as person identification data of a person requesting the public key certificate, and sending the public key, the private key and the sampling information to a person identification certificate authority", as recited by amended claim 1. As discussed, for example, on page 174 of the present application, a user that wants to generate a request for issuing a PKC can input sampling data (such as fingerprint data) to an identification request device. The identification request device then generates a pair of the public and private keys for the user who input the sampling data. As *Musgrave* does not disclose this feature, Applicant submits that the claim 1, as well as dependent claims 2-10, is in condition for allowance.

Applicant also submits that amended claims 11, 20, and 22, as well as dependent claims 12-19 and 21, are also allowable for the same reasons as discussed for claim 1.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

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